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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

TARO SUITO, ET AL.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2002, the following remarks
traversing the several grounds for rejection are presented.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is
respectfully requested. Claims 1-87 are presently active in this application. No claims have
been amended herewith.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 18-25, 28, 29, 40-46, 49, 50, 61-
68, 71, 72, and 83-87 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S.
Patent No. 6,285,818 to Suito et al. (hereinafter "the '818 patent"), in view of U.S. Patent No.
6,100,941 to Dimitrova et al. (hereinafter "the '941 patent"); Claims 17, 39, 60, and 82 were
allowed; and Claims 4, 5, 8-16, 26, 27, 30-38, 47, 48, 51-59, 69, 70, and 73-81 were objected
to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in